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SUBJECT: BELGIAN CY 1974 FERROUS SCRAP REQUIREMENTS

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1. BELGIAN CY STEEL PRODUCTION FORECAST: INDUSTRY ESTIMATE FOR CY 74 STEEL PRODUCTION IS 16.5 MILLION TONS UP FROM 16 MILLION TONS ESTIMATE FOR CY 1973. HOWEVER, RECENT OUBREAK OF STRIKES IN BELGIAN STEEL INDUSTRY MAY CAUSE CURRENT YEAR PRODUCTION TO FALL SHORT OF ESTIMATE (POSSIBLY BELOW 15.5. MILLION TONS) AND IF CONTINUED WILL THREATEN CY 1974 ESTIMATE.

2. ESTIMATE CY 1974 FERROUS SCRAP IMPORT REQUIREMENTS: BELGIUM IS NOT RPT NOT SIGNIFICANT IMPORTER OF SCRAP AS INTEGRATED BELGIAN STEELINDUSTRY PRODUCES ITS OWN. IN 1973 BELGIUM WILL IMPORT AN ESTIMATED 825,000 TONS SCRAP WHILE AT SAME TIME EXPORTING 393,000 TONS. OVER 90 PERCENT OF SCRAP IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ARE CROSS BORDER TRANSACTIONS WITH FRANCE, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS AND THEREFORE REALLY ONLY REPRESENT A LOCAL TRADE. IN CY 1973 ONLY 36,000 TONS SCRAP IMPORTED FROM OUTSIDE ENLARGED EEC. BELGIAN STEEL INDUSTRY ESTIMATES THAT

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CY 1974 BELGIAN SCRAP NEEDS MAY BE UP AS MUCH AS 25 PERCENT BUT

WILL BE LARGELY MET BY INTERNAL SUPPLIES, WITH REMAINDER PROCURED (AS IS TRADITIONAL) FROM NEARBY FRENCH, DUTCH, AND GERMANY SOURCES. ESSENTIALLY BELGIUM IS NOT A PURCHASER OF SCRAP FROM U.S.

3. GOB APPLIES NO CONTROL OVER SCRAP EXPORTS.
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